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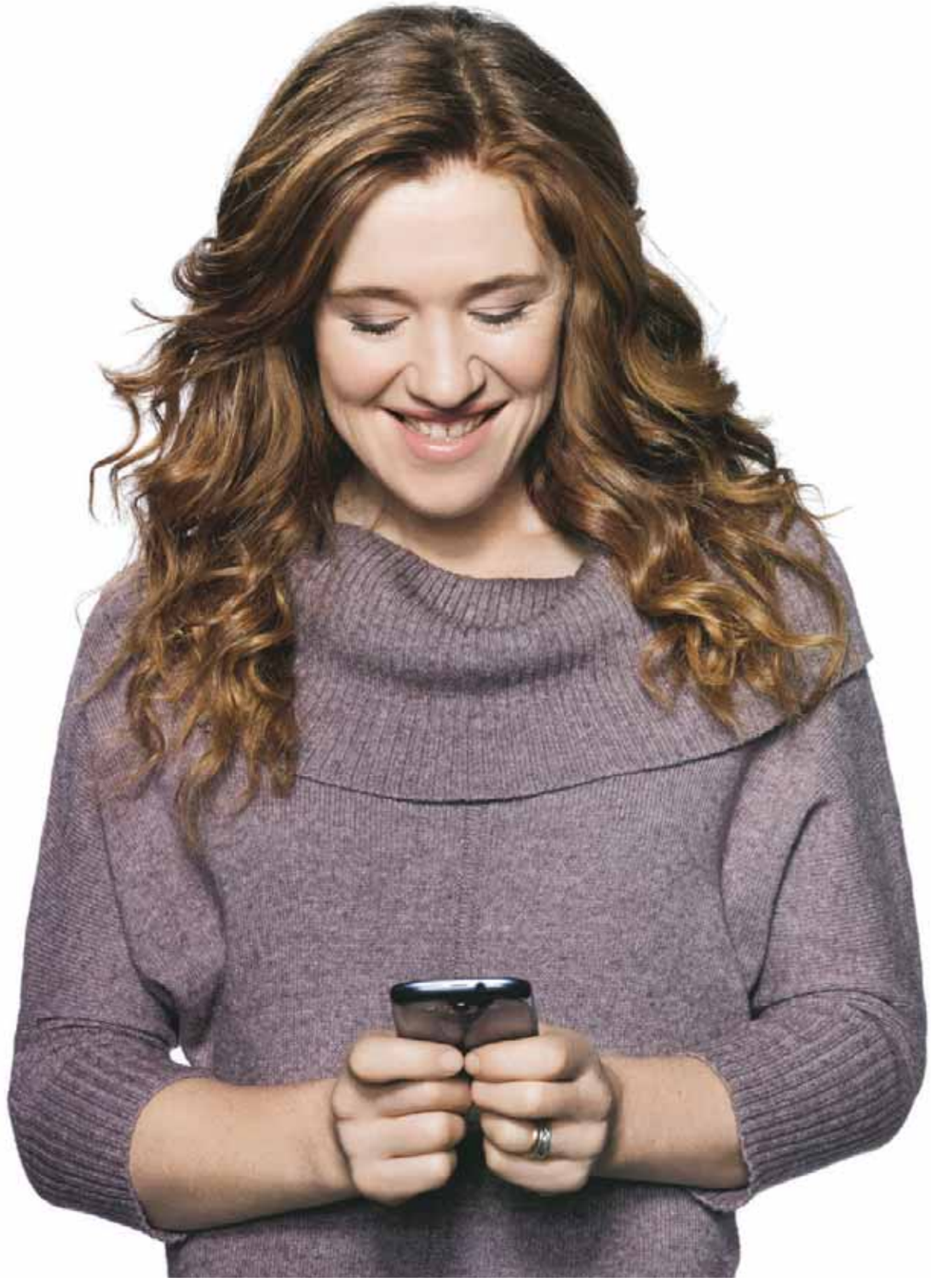

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Teachers protest legislation that blocked their Charter rights in Vancouver in 2012. The B.C. Supreme Court has sided with teachers in the fight to bargain over class size and composition. METRO FILE

B.C. teachers win court battle over class size

Education. Judgment sides with union over bargaining and orders the province to pay $2 million in damages

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Smaller classes and more attention for students with special needs could be coming back to your neighbourhood school.

For the second time, the B.C. Supreme Court has ruled it is unconstitutional for the province to pass legislation that blocks teachers from bargaining about class size and composition, according to a judgment released Monday after a long legal battle between the province and the B.C. Teachers' Federation (BCTF).

The court ordered the province to restore the collective-bargaining terms before Bill 28 was introduced in 2002 and to pay the BCTF $2 million in damages for unlawfully extending the provisions.

Bill 28 was designed to increase flexibility between classrooms but was deemed unconstitutional in 2011 for violating Charter rights.

Despite being given a year to fix the legislation, the Liberal government enacted "virtually identical" laws with Bill 22 in 2012. Indeed, it even tried to goad teachers to strike to get political support to impose the illegal legislation on unions, according to the judgment.

The union is thrilled by the decision, BCTF president Jim Iker said at a news conference.

"For the past 12 years, thousands of children couldn't get the services they needed because government broke the law," Iker said.

An entire generation of students has studied in larger classes with fewer supports for children with special needs, whether they are in a gifted program or have complex disorders, Iker said.

Teachers hope the government will restore smaller class sizes and rehire special-education teachers, librarians or counsellors, even though last time the government ignored the court's decision.

"We expect the government will do everything necessary to demonstrate respect for the court's hearings," Iker said.

While the BCTF has the court on its side when it sits at the table this spring, it will be difficult to convince the province to pony up the cash to fully restore the number of teachers.

The province is "disappointed" and plans to review the judgment, said Education Minister Peter Fassbender.

He rejected the idea that the government used students as pawns in a political game, even though the judgment found politics were a factor. Stability is the government's goal, he said, along with getting the best results for students.

"Our government does not have an agenda to create disharmony," he said.

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B.C. becoming a 'banana republic': Burnaby mayor

Port Metro Vancouver. Mayor upset that seven of 11 board members are industry-nominated

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Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan says B.C. is beginning to feel more and more like a "banana republic" in a video that has been getting a lot of attention since his city council voted last week to oppose the expansion of two coal-export facilities.

The proponent of one bid — to expand Fraser Surrey Docks — hired scandal-mired engineering firm SNC-Lavalin to do a health assessment.

Health authorities have since condemned that assessment as too narrow in scope. Port Metro Vancouver, which has the ultimate power to either accept or reject the assessment, has not yet announced its decision.

"The majority of directors on Port Metro Vancouver are appointed by the very companies that stand to economically benefit from these decisions," Corrigan says in the video, which has been viewed more than 7,000 times on YouTube and was hovering near the top of Vancouver's Reddit page on Monday.

"And so here you've got a board of directors, appointed by the companies, that is in charge of the environmental assessment to determine whether they're going to make more money."

Mayor Derek Corrigan at council last week. YOUTUBE

Peter Hall, an associate professor in urban studies at SFU and expert on ports, said Corrigan "gets the big issue right, even though he gets some of the details wrong."

The Canada Marine Act, he explained, sets out the structure of port-authority boards. On a typical large board, such as that of Port Metro Vancouver, seven out of the 11 board members are business representatives nominated by industry and appointed by the federal government.

"Let's say, instead of having seven people nominated by industry, there were seven people nominated by the municipalities, I think that the considerations would be different," Hall told Metro.

"They would probably put a higher threshold in terms of environmental protections."

Where's Rudolph when you need him?

Workers walk past seaplanes unable to fly because of dense fog in Vancouver on Monday. Environment Canada predicts clouds with a 40 per cent chance of showers today. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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North Shore Rescue back to work

Grouse Mountain. Son of recently deceased NSR leader was among the rescue team

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Just one day after a memorial for North Shore Rescue veteran Tim Jones, the longtime search-and-rescue leader's son was back in the mountains to continue his father's work.

Curtis Jones, who spoke eloquently at his father's crowded memorial on Saturday afternoon, was part of a team called to save eight hikers who went missing on Grouse Mountain Sunday night.

"Dad, when the pager goes, we'll be there," Jones said at the memorial, held a week after his father died suddenly from a heart attack on his way down from Mount Seymour.

And that's exactly what happened.

About an hour after the call, the team found the hikers, according to North Shore Rescue's Facebook page.

Hundreds of comments flooded the page from supporters grateful for the team's hard work so soon after losing Jones.

"Full respect for getting right back out there after everything you have been through this week," wrote Yvonne Leonard.

"Your Dad would be proud Curtis! You (and NSR) are just amazing," wrote Paripurna Kathryn Dewar.

Curtis Jones with hikers he and a rescue team found on Grouse Mountain Sunday. COURTESY NORTH SHORE RESCUE

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Tim Jones. Rescue group fears second memorial fund will cause confusion

Donations have poured in to a memorial fund set up by North Shore Rescue in the difficult days after the death of its team leader, Tim Jones.

By Monday the fund neared $85,000, just six days after it was created and barely a week after the 57-year-old died suddenly while walking through Vancouver's North Shore mountains.

In a note posted on the North Shore Rescue's website, society treasurer Ron Royston says members worry about confusion over a second fund created by the Justice Institute of BC in Jones' memory to pay the education costs of aspiring paramedics.

Jones was also a veteran paramedic and Vancouver-based Mountain Equipment Co-op has pledged to match all donations to the Justice Institute fund, up to a maximum of $10,000.

Memorial fund

$85K

Amount raised 6 days after fund's creation

Royston says Jones' family and North Shore Rescue appreciate the efforts of the Justice Institute, but the priority is their own legacy fund, which will support Jones' dream of making the rescue team self-sufficient.

The team kept a promise to its former leader on Sunday night as members, including Jones's son Craig, answered the first call-out since the death — guiding a group of eight hikers to safety after they got lost on a North Shore trail.

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Sochi-bound. Gay Vancouver councillor gets IOC head's attention

Vancouver city councillor Tim Stevenson's eyes lit up just a few days ago when he got the email he had been waiting for: A message from the office of the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) asking when he might be able to meet.

It was just in time, too: The openly gay deputy mayor is departing for Sochi, Russia, Tuesday on his much-publicized mission to convince the IOC to enshrine LGBTQ rights in its charter.

At a sendoff party attended by about 100 people Monday night at Davie Village's Fountainhead Pub, Stevenson said he is still waiting to confirm if he will get an audience with IOC president Thomas Bach — but his fingers and toes are crossed.

"That would be like hitting the jackpot," he said.

"He's a very, very influential individual within the IOC, and his office is the office that responded by saying, 'Thank you very much, please tell us when you're going to be here,' so if he had no intention, then obviously he would just ignore it."

Many LGBTQ activists came out for the party, including NPA Coun. George Affleck, who has been a vocal supporter of Stevenson's mission, despite the fact they are in opposing political parties.

Stevenson expects to arrive in Sochi on Feb. 1 and head home to Vancouver on Feb. 9.

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B.C. cameras installed on space station

UrtheCast. CEO of local company calls instalment 'a big milestone'

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Russian astronauts had their hands full Monday morning as they made their second attempt to install high-definition cameras, provided by B.C. company UrtheCast, onto the International Space Station.

"It was good. Today was a big milestone, there's no doubt about it," said Scott Larson, CEO of UrtheCast. "We'll have other ones coming up in the future but today was the big one."

The Vancouver-based company successfully installed two cameras — one for shooting images and another for streaming videos — in space to observe Earth. Following a previous attempt late last month, Larson said the space station staff uninstalled the cameras after connectivity issues.

"It's not easy," said Larson of the extreme testing process for the $17-million cameras. They are blasted with radiation and are placed in a space environment on the ground, which is why they are so expensive, he added.

UrtheCast will sell the photos from space to companies in various fields like forestry, agriculture and urban planning. In addition, the general public will have free access to the website with near real-time images.

"You can enter your address and find out when it's going to be above you next, because we know where the space station is," said Larson. People can organize events around the timing of the continuous live streaming camera, and then find the photos online.

"You can walk outside, have your wedding, your corporate event. You can get your friends to dress up in white shorts out on a green field spelling out, 'I love you, will you marry me?' That type of thing all around," Larson said.

Customers also have the option to hire one of the two cameras to look at a particular spot on Earth for a fee.

One of the cameras that Vancouver company UrtheCast had installed onto the International Space Station during a spacewalk. COURTESY URTHECAST

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B.C.'s first luxury designer outlet coming to YVR

An artist rendering of the open-air piazza at McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Vancouver Airport. COURTESY VANCOUVER AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Construction on B.C.'s first designer outlet mall has begun on a 12-hectare parcel of land at Vancouver airport.

McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Vancouver Airport will be developed into two phases, and it will total 35,000 square metres when it's completed on Sea Island near the Templeton Canada Line station, according to a press release. The first phase will be dedicated to about 220 luxury retail stores, as well as restaurants and cafés.

The architecture for the two piazzas is inspired by Vancouver sites like the Sinclair Centre Complex, the Vancouver Rowing Club and historic Gastown.

"(It) will offer a highly distinctive, luxury-oriented retail destination in Vancouver," said Joan Jove, McArthurGlen's development director for North America. "Vancouver offers an excellent location, economic strength, tourism potential, as well as a strong partner in the Vancouver Airport Authority — all elements that guarantee success when opening a premium retail centre."

This will be McArthurGlen's first designer outlet in North America, set to open in Spring 2015. The company's outlets in Europe are known for brands such as Prada, Armani, Burberry, Gucci and Hugo Boss.

The project is also expected to create 1,000 jobs; 200 of them will be directly linked to construction during developments, said Tony Gugliotta, senior vice-president for marketing and business development with the Vancouver Airport Authority.

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Clark opens door to talks on new transit referendum date

Building consensus.
B.C. mayors looking to develop plans before billion-dollar vote

Premier Christy Clark is open to delaying a Metro Vancouver transit-infrastructure referendum, which the area's mayors fear is destined for a head-on collision with voters.

Clark said Monday the timing for a proposed fall referendum is open for discussion. However, she did not say the earlier promise of a fall transit referendum was off.

In Vancouver, Clark said she understands the region's mayors want more time to get together on a proposed region-wide vote that could be worth billions of dollars.

"It's complex," said Clark. "I'm always happy to talk. We want this to work for the citizens of the Lower Mainland."

The premier had promised a referendum during last spring's B.C. election campaign.

Last week, Transportation Minister Todd Stone said the government was committed to a fall referendum tied to the November municipal elections. Stone said the Liberals were preparing to introduce legislation this spring that confirmed the date.

But Clark said talks are now underway with the mayors about the date.

The mayors, who represent Vancouver, Surrey, Burnaby and 15 other municipalities, have already said the only thing they are united in is their opposition to a fall referendum date.

North Vancouver Mayor Richard Walton — who chairs the Metro Vancouver mayor's transit committee — said he received a phone message from Stone last weekend suggesting the government was open to reconsidering its referendum route.

"I do quite often communicate with the minister and I did get a courtesy call on the weekend indicating that they were likely doing a bit of a rethink," Walton said.

He said it appears the government wants to cool the rhetoric about forcing a referendum.

"The public expects us to develop policy jointly," Walton said. "We don't like focusing in a quasi-opposition role. We want to have that constructive dialogue and try and solve this together."

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Big picture

Stone suggested last week the mayors are not thinking beyond the boundaries of their own municipalities when considering a transit vision that includes much of the Lower Mainland.

- He said Vancouver wants an extended transit line along Broadway, near the downtown core, while Surrey is examining three light-rapid transit lines.

Crowds wait at the Commercial-Broadway SkyTrain station in Vancouver. On Monday, Premier Christy Clark said she was open to putting off a planned fall referendum on transit funding. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Snowboard-course builder happy to leave Sochi behind

Johnnie Balfour poses in Sochi in a picture posted to his blog. TUMBLR

A Vancouver ski- and snowboard-course builder has left Russia after a less-than-stellar welcome to the Sochi Olympics.

Johnnie Balfour was hired to help shape courses for the 2014 Winter Games but decided not to stick around after a few days living in a dirty hotel room, commuting for two hours along streets flooded with muddy water and questioning whether he'd be paid for his work, according to his blog.

"I for one can't afford to take the gamble and hope that I will be paid. It is just too big of a risk for me," he wrote in a post meant for friends and family that went viral.

Money issues aside — officials opened up a Russian bank account for him before he arrived, then changed the terms of his contract, he said — Balfour doubted whether Sochi would be ready for the Olympics' Feb. 6 start date.

"Nothing is finished here, and there are piles of garbage everywhere. Muddy water is pouring off the mountain and flowing through the streets, and the cobblestone pavers are all lifting up or disappearing into sinkholes," he wrote.

"This entire place was built in the last few years. It looks nice at first glance, but look a little closer and you can see that it was just thrown together."

It also took a long time to get accreditation, there was no clear way to navigate the bus system and food was expensive, Balfour said.

His hotel featured a toilet with muddy water, a shower covered in mud and no hot water or Internet.

"The water is undrinkable (it's brown); it's even sketchy to brush your teeth with it."

Balfour couldn't immediately be reached by Metro, but in a subsequent post said he stands by his criticism.

He did, however, say the mountain courses will be "amazing" in time for the Olympics and that his leaving will have "zero effect" on the competition. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Not impressed

"Most of the buildings are not finished, and with only two weeks to go before the Games start, I doubt they ever will be."

Course builder Johnnie Balfour on Sochi

Detained woman

City airport death under investigation

British Columbia's Coroners Service says it's investigating the death of a 42-year-old woman who was detained at Vancouver International Airport last month.

Coroner Barb McLintock said the woman wasn't a Canadian citizen, had been in custody for a few days and was transferred to the airport's holding cells on Dec. 19.

McLintock said "things went wrong" early the next morning and that the woman was taken to several hospitals, ending up at Mount Saint Joseph Hospital in Vancouver.

She said the woman died there on Dec. 28.

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New contract

Government union deal includes wage, job security boosts

A union representing about 25,000 government workers in British Columbia has ratified a deal that provides a 5.5 per cent wage increase over five years and ties further pay hikes to economic growth.

The B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union says members voted 68.5 per cent in favour of the contract that was negotiated in November.

The union says the deal also provides improvements to health and welfare benefits, employment security and the job-selection process.

The contract runs from April 1, 2014 until March 31, 2019. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Surrey

Mounties hurt in car accident by station

Two Mounties — including one who was pinned between police vehicles — have been taken to hospital with serious injuries following an accident outside a Surrey police station.

Sgt. Dale Carr says the accident took place mid-afternoon Monday in the parking lot of the Newton District Office.

He says police believe a motorist was travelling through the parking lot, struck a parked police vehicle and pushed it into another police vehicle.

An officer who was on foot was pinned between the two police vehicles. The officer who was inside was also injured. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Auschwitz: 69 years after liberation from the Nazis

Survivors, Israeli officials. Ceremony at the Auschwitz-Birkenau memorial marks the notorious camp's liberation

A European Jewish leader condemned anti-Semitism as a crime on Monday as Auschwitz survivors and Israeli officials marked 69 years since the liberation of the Nazi death camp.

The ceremony at the Auscwitz-Birkenau memorial took place on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, established by the United Nations in memory of some six million Holocaust victims, and some 1.5 million victims of Auschwitz, who were mostly Jews.

Some 20 survivors walked through the gate that bares the infamous "Arbeit Macht Frei" (Work Makes You Free) sign and laid a wreath at the former camp's Executions Wall, where the inmates, mainly Polish resistance members, were shot to death.

Half of the Israeli legislature joined the survivors for the observances that included visits to the red brick Auschwitz barracks that house a collection of the victims' belongings and hair. There is also a list of names of Jews who perished.

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Quoted

"We must assure our children and future generations that a different world, full of hope and free of fear, can be built."

Yariv Levin, Israeli coalition leader

Holocaust survivors arrive at a ceremony marking the 69th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz in Poland on Monday. CZAREK SOKOLOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ninety-five-year-old Russian author Daniil Granin at Germany's parliament.
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Victims of the siege of Leningrad honoured

German lawmakers have honoured the victims of the Nazi army's three-year siege of Leningrad as part of this year's Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Daniil Granin, a 95-year-old Russian survivor, recounted in a speech to the German Parliament on Monday how thousands of people died of starvation each day during harsh winters in Leningrad, now the Russian city of St. Petersburg.

The siege began in September 1941, three months after Nazi Germany launched Operation Barbarossa against the Soviet Union. About a million Soviet civilians and a similar number of soldiers died before the blockade was broken.

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Italy

Italian officials condemn threats against Jews

Italy's president has condemned threats against Rome's Jewish community in recent days, including the delivery of packages containing pig heads, as a "miserable provocation."

President Giorgio Napolitano said Monday during Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations that recent insults to the Jewish community are "comparable only to the repugnant material in those packages."

Police on Monday said they have detained two men, ages 33 and 47, on suspicion of instigating racial hatred through anti-Semitic graffiti, including denial of the Holocaust. Authorities say the men belong to different far-right groups. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Safety. Olympics boss says he's not losing any sleep over threats to Games

IOC president Thomas Bach defended the choice of Sochi as host of the Winter Olympics on Monday and said he's "sleeping very well" despite the terror threat hanging over the Games.

Bach reiterated his confidence that Russia will provide "safe and secure" Games without taking away from a festive Olympic atmosphere.

IOC president Thomas Bach THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia is mounting a massive security operation for the Games, which open Feb. 7 amid threats of attacks from Muslim insurgents from the North Caucasus region.

"We have full confidence in the host country and we also know that Russia and the Russian (security) services are working closely with different international services in order to ensure that all the participants and spectators in the Games can feel safe and secure," Bach said in a conference call with reporters.

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Political Games? Tories to deliver federal budget during Winter Olympics

If there was any doubt the upcoming federal budget would be a low-key affair, the Harper Conservatives erased it Monday by announcing plans to deliver their new spending plan during the Winter Olympics.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said he'll table the budget on Feb. 11, when many Canadians are likely to be focused on Sochi and hoping for gold-medal performances from their Olympic heroes.

New Democrat Leader Tom Mulcair quickly accused the Conservatives of seeking to avoid public scrutiny of what he predicted would be a no-news, austerity-driven budget, bereft of plans or programs to help create jobs.

"People need help now and the Conservatives should be acting now," Mulcair said.

"But it's quite obvious that they're holding everything in abeyance so that they can have a good-news budget next year, try to claim — without ever having to measure it — that they're heading for a balanced budget and announce all sorts of things." THE CANADIAN PRESS

TransCanada crews work on a gas pipeline leak that occurred just outside Otterburne, Man. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Manitobans keep warm after blast

Resiliency. Many residents get creative after pipeline explosion leaves them without heat for third day

Many of the 4,000 residents of southeastern Manitoba affected by a natural gas pipeline explosion proved to be creative and resilient as they entered a third day without heat Monday.

Steve Cope was using an electric fireplace and space heaters to keep his Niverville home warm as the temperature outside dipped to near -30 C.

"One (heater) we've got actually facing the cold-air return on our furnace, so it's kind of blowing that air into that cold-air return. And we have the fan running on the furnace so it's kind of circulating throughout the house," Cope said.

TransCanada Pipelines vice-president Karl Johannson said the company hoped to have natural gas service restored by Tuesday. He suggested some communities could have gas back by Monday night.

There were no reports of injuries from the fiery blast, but Johannson apologized and promised that the company would cover any direct losses people experienced. He thanked neighbours for helping each other by sharing space heaters and accommodation.

Municipalities in the region had set up warming centres, but they were virtually empty.

"It's great news because it means people have been very self-sufficient," Hanover municipality spokeswoman Heather Chambers Ewen said.

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A protester guards the barricades in front of riot police in Kyiv on Monday. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukraine president offers to scrap anti-protest law

The government steps back. Eliminating the laws will likely be done in a special parliament session Tuesday

Ukraine's beleaguered president on Monday agreed to scrap harsh anti-protest laws that set off a wave of clashes between protesters and police over the past week, a potentially substantial concession to the opposition that stopped short of meeting all of its demands.

In a possibly major sticking point, a proposed amnesty for arrested protesters would not be offered unless demonstrators stopped occupying buildings and ended their round-the-clock protests and tent camp on Kyiv's central Independence Square, according to a statement by Justice Minister Elena Lukash on the presidential website.

President Viktor Yanukovych has been under increasing pressure since he pushed the tough laws through parliament, setting off clashes and protests in other parts of the country in a sharp escalation of tensions after weeks of mostly peaceful protests over his rejection of a deal to deepen ties with the 28-nation European Union.

At a meeting between top opposition figures and Yanukovych late Monday "a political decision was made on scrapping the laws of Jan. 16, which aroused much discussion," Lukash said.

She made no mention of a key opposition demand — that Yanukovych resign.

One of the opposition figures, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, turned down the prime minister's job, which Yanukovych had offered him on Saturday, the statement said.

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Harper's piece

Prime Minister Stephen Harper expressed concern Monday that Ukraine is backsliding toward its communist past under the Soviet Union.

- Harper's remarks represented a dig at Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has been accused of exerting pressure on Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovych to curb his country's overtures to the West.

Nigeria

Dozens killed in rebel attacks

Suspected Islamic extremists used explosives and heavy guns to attack a village and worshippers during a Christian church service in Nigeria's northeast, killing at least 99 people and razing hundreds of homes, officials and witnesses said Monday.

The attacks took place in Borno and Adamawa states. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tunisia. Progressive new constitution passed

After decades of dictatorship and two years of arguments and compromises, Tunisians finally have a new constitution laying the foundations for a new democracy.

The document is groundbreaking as one of the most progressive constitutions in the Arab world — and for the fact that it got written at all. It passed late Sunday by 200 votes out of the 216 seats in the assembly of the Muslim Mediterranean country that inspired uprisings across the region after overthrowing a dictator in 2011. "This constitution, without being perfect, is one of consensus," assembly speaker Mustapha Ben Jaafar said after the vote. "We had today a new rendezvous with history to build a democracy founded on rights and equality."

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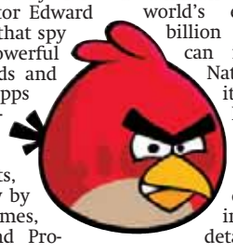
NSA. Spy agencies using apps like Angry Birds to get data, docs suggest



Documents leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden suggest that spy agencies have a powerful ally in Angry Birds and a host of other apps installed on smartphones across the globe.

The documents, published Monday by The New York Times, The Guardian and ProPublica, suggest that the mapping, gaming and social networking apps that are a common feature of the world's estimated one billion smartphones can feed America's National Security Agency and Britain's GCHQ with huge amounts of personal data, including location information and details such as political affiliation or sexual orientation.

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Cheat

No law licence for disgraced journo

The California Supreme Court denied a law licence to a former journalist who was caught fabricating dozens of stories. The court ruled that Stephen Glass, 41, had insufficiently rehabilitated himself. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Supreme Court

No pay to change clothes

The top U.S. court says steelworkers do not have to be paid for time they spend putting on and taking off protective gear they wear on the job. The court was unanimous Monday in the ruling. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Netanyahu's son dating a non-Jew from Norway

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, centre, with his sons Yair, background, and Avner, right, at the Western Wall. URIEL SINAI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The love life of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's son is setting off sparks — in Israeli politics.

News that 23-year-old Yair Netanyahu is dating a statuesque non-Jewish Norwegian university student was not only a juicy item for the gossip pages, it also unleashed an uproar from religious lawmakers opposed to intermarriage and prompted debate over the Jewish state's relationship with the outside world.

According to reports in Norwegian media, the Israeli prime minister boasted to his Norwegian counterpart, Erna Solberg, about the relationship during a meeting at the World Economic Forum in Davos last week and informed her that his son recently visited Norway with his girlfriend, Sandra Leikanger.

A photo of the smiling young couple appeared in Israeli and Norwegian papers.

On Monday, the leader of the ultra-Orthodox Shas party said he believed the relationship actually caused Netanyahu and his wife great "heartache." Arieh Deri told a local radio station the relationship was no mere personal matter because Netanyahu is a "symbol of the Jewish people."

Netanyahu's office declined to comment, as did Leikanger.

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Advocacy groups call out Bell for data collection

Consumer rights. Gathering the watching, clicking and calling of wireless customers who pay for telecom service has led to complaints

Consumer groups are challenging Bell Canada's tracking of how its wireless customers use the web, what they watch on TV and their phone call patterns in order to deliver targeted online advertising.

Bell is going beyond its role as a provider of telecom services, according to the Public Interest Advocacy Centre and the Consumers' Association of Canada.

"What you're paying for is an uninterrupted telecom service, not for an ad-based service supported by behavioural targeting, which is the Facebook-Google model," lawyer John Lawford of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre said Monday.

The consumer groups have filed a complaint with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, describing the practice as an abuse of privacy. They want Bell to be ordered to stop collecting the data.

The CRTC said it was studying the complaint and wouldn't comment further.

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada said Monday that it has received more than 150 complaints about Bell's data collection.

It is investigating whether collecting this data is compliant with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act, the federal law which covers the collection, use and disclosure of information in commercial activities.

Bell said its data collection program isn't breaking any federal telecom rules or privacy guidelines and noted that customers can opt out at any time.

With or without your name

In the U.S., big telecoms Verizon and AT&T also allow their customers to opt out of data sharing, but critics have said that even with personal identities stripped out the information still can be sold to third parties who would get a profile of customers' habits and interests.

Rogers said it doesn't track customer information the same way that Bell does. But Rogers does note that its privacy policy says it uses "cookies" or messages to find people's accounts. Rogers also says advertisers who place ads with Rogers.com may use cookies to record web browsing activity.

Rogers also has a program for its customers to sign up for text messages that will alert them to deals when they are near specific retailers.

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Rouge

Air Canada's discount carrier adding routes

Air Canada is adding service to more sun destinations on its low-cost Rouge subsidiary this spring and summer as it continues to transfer older aircraft from its main fleet.

The airline said Monday that it will be adding new routes from Toronto and Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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Tees, tokes and touchdowns

Bryan Weinman is pictured with Stoner Bowl T-shirts in Denver Friday. Weinman and a few buddies registered the Internet domain www.stonerbowl.org and are using the site to hawk T-shirts and hats celebrating the Stoner Bowl between the Seattle Seahawks and Denver Broncos — the NFL teams from the two states that have legalized pot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

$650M deal. Hudson's Bay gets swish makeover with Saks Fifth Avenue stores

Hudson's Bay Co. plans to open a pair of Saks Fifth Avenue luxury department stores in Toronto, the first such locations in Canada.

The retailer says one store will share space with HBC's flagship store in downtown Toronto, while the second store will be at the Sherway Gardens mall, in the city's west end.

The news came as HBC announced a deal to sell and lease back its main downtown Toronto store and executive offices to Cadillac Fairview for $650 million.

HBC will lease back the properties for 25 years with options to extend the leases nearly 50 additional years.

The company says it will use the cash from the sales to pay down debt and fund growth.

The HBC flagship store is across the street from Cadillac Fairview's Eaton Centre, which recently landed Seattle-based Nordstrom as a tenant in some of the space being vacated by Sears. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A man leaves the downtown Toronto flagship Hudson's Bay Co. store on Monday.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Booking.yeah. Travel site goes from Google searches to guffaws with new ads

When Canadian Darren Huston was recruited to join the leadership team at the Priceline Group, he sheepishly had to admit he'd never heard of the biggest company in the group's corporate stable.

No, not Priceline, the travel bidding site popularized by the wacky ads starring fellow Canuck William Shatner. The biggest company in the group is Booking.com, a challenger to the likes of Expedia, Orbitz and Travelocity that's big overseas but little known on this side of the pond. A minute-long TV spot titled "Booking.yeah" aims to change that.

The ads show anxious travellers preparing to open the doors to their rental properties while an amusingly over-the-top voiceover grows increasingly enthusiastic and uses "booking" as a euphemistic adjective.

Huston said the ads were designed to make Booking.com more memorable, given much of its business comes through Google searches, not because they're familiar with the company.

"We were a blue link in Google, we were like a utility that was very effective but had no personality," he said.

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Booking funny?

The new ad campaign Darren Huston returned home to promote is a funny take on the travelling challenge of "booking right."

- "You got it booking right," "It doesn't get any booking better than this," and "Look at the booking view, this is exactly what you booking needed" are a few of the commercial's one-liners, which some will find puerile and others will find hilarious.

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While most of us can't imagine going through life without experiencing some form of carnal desire, researchers estimate about one percent of the population — up to 70 million people worldwide — have absolutely no sex drive. Not in a, "No honey, not tonight. I have a headache," kind of way but an ongoing disinterest in sexual behaviour with members of the same or opposite sex.

According to the Asexual Visibility and Education Network, an asexual person is a person who does not experience sexual attraction. Anthony Bogaert, a professor in the psychology department at Brock University, refers to asexuality as the "fourth sexual orientation," distinct from heterosexuality, homosexuality or bisexuality. Like other sexual orientations, asexuality is classified as an intrinsic part of a person's identity and not something that can be turned on or off.

Some couples might lose interest in sexual activity during particular phases in their relationships — following childbirth or while faced with health problems or personal struggles — but these issues are usually a temporary concern rather than an innate and enduring absence of desire. Asexuals do not choose to abstain from sex for religious or moral reasons; it is not the result of some traumatic childhood event or because they haven't found the right person.

For those who identify as asexual, this apathetic attitude toward sex is much more than just a simple dry spell or an empty vow of celibacy following a bad breakup. Many feel confused and isolated as they come to terms with their asexuality in our hyper-sexualized culture. I can imagine it would be hard not to feel like an outsider in a society where people read erotic paperbacks on the bus and talk about sexual positions in graphic detail over brunch.

It's important to remember that sexuality exists on an extremely vast and complicated spectrum. From pansexuals to polyamorous to demiromantics to autosexuals, there exists a veritable alphabet soup of sexual preferences and expressions.

And while different forms of categorization can be helpful in promoting visibility, educating others and developing a sense of community, labelling shouldn't be done for negative or exclusionary purposes.

Sexual desire might be one of our most basic biological instincts, but that doesn't mean we should judge those who choose to have intimacy without intercourse. Accepting sexual diversity means recognizing the many different forms of attraction and giving others the freedom to embody their own sexuality, even if that means not at all.

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ZOOM

Hockey, played Down Under

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Gasp! Not much of a spectator sport

Athletes for Western Australia and Victoria contest for the puck at the 2014 Australian Underwater Hockey Championships on the Gold Coast, Australia. The sport, also known as octopush, was invented in England in the 1950s by a scuba diver as a way of keeping his fellow divers fit and enthused over the winter months. **METRO**

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Twitter

@metropicks asked: A brew coming to B.C. costs $150/bottle. What freebies would be required for you to buy the beer?

@funkymagee: Probably about forty-nine other bottles.

@MichaelJSealy: Any freebie that I could come up with to justify 150 bones for a Brewski, would have to do with cleavage and be very naughty :-/

@ChrisGoudge1: Three or four 24s would make it worthwhile

@Adrian_Cgy: bag of weed

@Hanksterific: Nothing!

@FrenchmanCanada: at that price it better pour itself

@etihWynoT: I could see spending $150 & sipping it for a special occasion, but at 28% alc. it should come with G2 & Ibuprofen.

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DVD review

Rush

Director. Ron Howard

Stars. Daniel Brühl, Chris Hemsworth, Olivia Wilde

You'd expect a movie about Formula One racers to cut to the chase, but director Ron Howard takes his time establishing the ego vs. egghead rivalry between 1976 top guns James Hunt (Chris Hemsworth) and Niki Lauda (Daniel Brühl). This is no mere thrill ride by two real-life rival speedsters, although it is certainly that. The film also provides a sobering look at what it takes to be a true champion. When the engines really start, the fact-based story by Peter Morgan (The Queen) locks in. It smoothly shifts gears between involving entertainment and serious drama, seeking to understand the competitive drive to succeed at all costs. The film is highly commercial, but also thoughtful and suspenseful. Do yourself a favour and don't Google the result prior to seeing.

PETER HOWELL

The Fifth Estate

Director. Bill Condon

Stars. Benedict Cumberbatch, Daniel Brühl

Bill Condon adopts the info-dump approach of his subject, WikiLeaks, for this unsteady docudrama. The film combines elements of biopic, thriller and didactic documentary for a story that engages the mind but sometimes overtaxes it. Too much info is hurled at the screen, much of it at a rapid clip that makes it hard to take in. At the heart of it is a sterling performance by Benedict Cumberbatch as brash WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who takes the "publish and be damned" ethos to 21st-century heights, shaking world governments with revealed secrets and lies just a few clicks away.

PETER HOWELL

A Great Big World really do have something to say

Ian Axel performs on the runway at the 2013 Victoria's Secret Fashion Show in New York City in November. GETTY IMAGES

Piano pop. Duo has been working together since their days at NYU, but Aguilera's vocals on Say Something changed their lives forever

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News

Singing with superstars and performing with supermodels are just two of the many mind-blowing hookups Ian Axel and Chad Vaccarino experienced last year.

The piano pop duo, known as A Great Big World, performed on The Voice, at the American Music Awards and during the Victoria's Secret lingerie show. However, it was a phone call from Christina Aguilera, asking if she could sing on their song Say Something, that got the ball rolling.

"When we got the call, it was disbelief that went into a panic attack," Axel says. "I knew what this meant; I knew our lives were changed forever."

Still, it was a hookup eight years earlier, while both were studying in NYU's music business program, that put the 28-year-olds on track to the top of the pop charts. Though A Great Big World's seamless harmonies seem like destiny, the union wouldn't have happened if Axel hadn't literally stalked Vaccarino.

"We were put on the same project and I asked him to listen to my songs," says Axel.

"He was like, 'No, I'm too busy, I don't have time for anything else.' He really wanted to practice by himself, but I went to the practice room and looked through all the windows until I found him. I had to be pushy, I had to."

Vaccarino agrees with Axel's assessment: "I was really weirded out by how forceful he was, trying to have my friendship," he says.

The pair both laugh warmly at the recollection.

"Then, when he played me his song ideas on piano, I flipped out. Those concerns went out of the window. I was like, 'Oh my God, I'm so stupid! We should be writing together; we should be friends.'"

The pair say that choosing between their original recording of Say Something and the one with Aguilera was just too difficult, so A Great Big World's debut album, Is There Anybody Out There?, which was released in January, includes both cuts.

"I love both versions," says Vaccarino.

"I was definitely married to the original, but I love what Christina did: I love that she added this female element.

"She made the song more universal than it might have been. You have the two parallel male and female worlds, and they don't come together until the end of the song. It's all harmonized except for that last line.

"It's very dramatic."

Ian Axel, left, and Chad Vaccarino are the duo behind A Great Big World. CONTRIBUTED

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"I was really weirded out by how forceful he was, trying to have my friendship."

Chad Vaccarino, talking about how Ian Axel 'stalked' him while they were classmates at NYU's music business program.

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Serious slip-ups cast SMH shadow over song awards

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

The Grammy Awards would like everyone to know how very, very sorry they are about the death of what's-his-name.

Glee star Cory Monteith, who died last summer, was included in the Grammys' In Memoriam montage of musicians lost in the past year. However, the slide-show spelled his name "Cory Montieth."

Listen, Grammys, I know you're a drunken, long-winded stripper of an awards show, but if you're only going to spell-check one thing — one thing — it should probably be the names of deceased people. Maybe next year, have one fewer fake blood cannon and put that part of the budget toward a proof-reader.

Glee isn't the only one with a grievance against the Grammys: Trent Reznor is none to happy with them, either.

Reznor's band Nine Inch Nails gave the awards show's closing performance, along with Queens of the Stone Age, Dave Grohl and Fleetwood Mac's Lindsey Buckingham. Unfortunately, by the end of a four-hour ceremony, not even all that star power could induce people to wait around and listen — the Grammys began to roll the credits during the performance.

Reznor didn't take it lying down. "A heartfelt F— YOU guys," he tweeted.

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3 ½ Stars
Wii Fit's engaging yoga and aerobics mix is still too reliant on BMI even as it provides excellent balance feedback and, thanks to a new pedometer, calories burned. Be warned, the best dance and game activities now require two controllers.

Did you know...?

Avocados may halt overeating and snacking. Consuming as little as half an avocado during lunch can make an overweight person feel full longer, says a new Loma Linda University health study published in Nutrition Journal. Researchers found a 23 per cent increase in satisfaction and a 28 per cent decreased desire to eat for the following five hours, as compared with the avocado-free controlled lunch meal.

Ninety to 95 per cent of the vitamin D in your body comes from sun exposure. ISTOCK

How to get that vitamin D

Can't get enough. Obtaining vitamin D takes some strategies — especially during the winter months

VIRGINIA PELLEY
Metro World News in New York City

You know vitamin D is important for your health, and you've likely read that hardly anyone gets enough of it.

Many studies suggest that maintaining the amount of D recommended by the National Institutes of Health — 30 to 50 nanograms per millilitre in your blood — can help ward off high blood pressure, multiple sclerosis, fibromyalgia, diabetes, depression, some cancers and muscle weakness.

So how do you keep up a healthy level of vitamin D?

The best way is exposure to the sun in warmer months. "Ninety to 95 per cent of the vitamin D in your body comes from sensible sun exposure," Dr. Michael F. Holick, professor of medicine, physiology and biophysics at Boston University School of Medicine, says.

Skin needs to be exposed directly to the sun for your body to make vitamin D. A product with SPF 30 decreases your ability to make vitamin D by 95 per cent. Because dermatologists have been telling us for decades to never expose unprotected skin to the sun's cancer-causing rays, many people are understandably confused about how to get enough vitamin D from sun exposure.

"For some people, it could be 10 minutes, for others it can be 15," says Dr. Houman Danesh, director of integrated pain management at Mt. Sinai in New York City.

How can you get enough vitamin D from the sun during winter? Your body will access the vitamin D in your fat cells, and because most people don't get enough sun to make this crucial vitamin year-round, taking a supplement can also help.

Although the Institute of Medicine recommends 400 to 600 IUs of vitamin D for children and 600 to 800 for adults, Holick recommends 600 to 1,000 for kids, and as much as 2,000 to 4,000 IUs daily for adults. Pregnant and lactating women and the obese need more. Breast milk doesn't contain vitamin D, so Holick says that even breastfeeding infants need a daily supplement.

It's also impossible to get all the vitamin D you need from food. You would need to eat wild-caught salmon and other fatty fish such as mackerel and herring every day to get enough D. Vitamin D is added to many foods, such as milk, juice and cereal, however, and mushrooms can be irradiated with good amounts of vitamin D as well.

Because of conflicting recommendations and research about what vitamin D actually does, "doctors are struggling with who to check, if they should check and when to check vitamin D levels," says Dr. Robert Graham, an internist at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. "But I would argue that you need to get tested first to know at what level you are starting with, and figure out how much you need to supplement from there."

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Kale and Fig Salad's got the goods

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The secret to preparing kale is to give it a good rinse under running water. Then, hold the rib in one hand and grasp the leaves at the base with the other. Quickly pull your hands in opposite directions to remove the leaves for chopping and discard the stems.

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1. Rip or chop kale into bite-sized pieces and place into a large bowl. Drizzle with vinegar and oil. Toss in figs and pumpkin seeds.

2. Toss and let stand at room temperature about one hour before serving. Can be stored in the fridge up to 3 days, covered. It just gets better!

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Ingredients

- 1 bunch kale, rinsed, with ribs removed (about 6-7 cups)
- 2 tbsp raspberry balsamic (or other raspberry vinegar)
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 6 mission figs, chopped
- 1/3 cup roasted, salted pumpkin seeds

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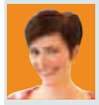

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Dried fruit is to be used sparingly because it is quite calorie dense but, boy, does it add a lot!

High in both potassium and fibre, one or two figs make a great treat. To stretch their flavour and benefits without swallowing a calorie bomb, add them to other dishes.

- Chop figs into salads instead of the more typical mandarin oranges or strawberries
- Add to a smoothie for fibre and bulk as well as sweetness
- Cut in half and simmer 1 cup into 1 cup of water to make a fig paste for charcuterie plates
- Chop one into bits and top a pizza with blue cheese
- Add to a savoury rice pilaf with nuts

Anywhere you need little hit of sweetness, figs can contribute much more than their little shrivelled up weight.

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Why you shouldn't borrow for your RRSP

Save instead. As the March 3 RRSP deadline draws closer, you may get a pitch from your bank to borrow to make a contribution

As this year's RRSP deadline draws closer, chances are good that at some point you'll get a pitch from your bank or investment advisor to put some money into your Registered Retirement Savings Plan.

It's a good idea. As we live longer and fewer people can count on company pensions, we'll all need more to live on. So saving as much as possible for retirement should be a top priority. And the earlier you start, the better.

But what to do if you don't have the cash? Is it a good idea to borrow the money to make the March 3 deadline?

It is for the bank. If you borrow the money, you pay interest on the loan and maybe a fee as well. Here are some things to consider before taking out an RRSP loan:

Why do you need it?

Is it because you don't have the cash or because you had the money, but didn't have the discipline to save?

Setting aside even a little at a time is a heads-you-win, tails-you-break-even decision, setting you up for long-term gains. An annual loan means you're always on the debt treadmill.

Refund risk

If you find it hard to pay as you go for retirement savings, it may be because you have loans for cars, carry high credit card balances or run up your line of credit. Maybe all three. Those payments eat into your cash flow. So in a situation like that, can you avoid the temptation to spend the refund?

Vancouver financial planner Diane McCurdy, author of How Much is Enough? says borrowing for an RRSP works best if your other debts are small, you are in a high tax bracket — or in a bracket where you pay the same tax year after year.

RRSP loans aren't tax deductible

Even at today's low interest rates, an RRSP loan at 3.5 per cent still means you have to earn at least 3.5 per cent on your investments to break even. Sure, the stock market was hot last year with Toronto shares prices up 10 per cent and U.S. stocks up 30 per cent. But in 2011, our market dropped 12 per cent and the U.S. by two per cent. It hurts to be repaying a loan for an investment that's worth less than you started with.

Hasty payment, hasty investment

Lump sums have a habit of burning a hole in our pockets. It may end up in the investment flavour of the season. Far better to have a plan and a gradual approach that smooths out ups and downs with regular contributions.

Payment in kind

Finally, if you're short on cash, but have investments in a trading account, consider transferring the shares or fund units into your RRSP. You'll pay tax on the shares or units if you've made a profit, but it will be partly offset by the tax break on the contribution. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Jane Fee, left, vice-provost academic and KPU Langley principal, celebrates the brewing program's announcement with Nick Bolton, Big Ridge Brewing Co.'s head brewer, and dean Elizabeth Worobec, faculty of science and horticulture, over beakers of beer at the Surrey brew pub. CONTRIBUTED

Tap into new Kwantlen brewing program

DANIEL HENDRIKSEN
For Metro

They will soon be brewing up a storm at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU). The post-secondary school recently announced that, starting next fall, it will be offering the first science of brewing program in British Columbia.

The brewing and brewery operations diploma will be two years in length and teach students about both the science and the business of brewing. As one of just three programs of its kind in the country, officials hope to meet the craft beer industry's demand for qualified and technically experienced employees.

"We are so excited to be offering the first brewing diploma program in B.C.," Elizabeth Worobec, dean of the faculty of science and horticulture at KPU, said in a media statement. "Along with practical hands-on training, we'll be giving students a solid background in the science behind brewing craft beer, including the chemistry and microbiology involved in the process. It's this much-needed expertise that graduates will bring to the province's brewing industry."

The brewing diploma's first intake of 35 students will start learning to brew from scratch in September at the specially designed brew laboratory on KPU's Langley campus. As part of the curriculum, students will also learn the psychology of sensory evaluation, finishing and packaging, business ethics and communication strategies.

They will also get practical experience at local breweries during a summer work experience placement, and learn from experts with the B.C. Craft Brewers Guild and the Master Brewers Association of Canada in guest lectures.

"KPU's brewing program is going to be a great boost to the prestige and legitimacy of B.C.'s brewing industry," said Nick Bolton, head brewer with Surrey's Big Ridge Brewing Co. "Courses like this are a great way to ensure that the people entering the field have all the necessary knowledge to hit the ground running, and that the products they produce are of the highest possible quality. With the amount of breweries starting up across the province, combined with the training provided by this course, we are going to find that B.C. could quickly start becoming Canada's brewing capital."

To learn more about KPU's brewing and brewery operations diploma, visit kpu.ca/brew.

UBC awarded $9 million in research funds

The National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) recently provided several University of British Columbia (UBC) research projects with substantial funding.

The funding totalled approximately $9 million and was allocated to research projects in fish ecology, oil sands, energy-efficient buildings, clean water and wearable electronics.

The announcement came from Minister of State for Science and Technology Greg Rickford and detailed 77 grants awarded to 23 Canadian universities totalling $43 million, from NSERC's Strategic Network Grants (SNG) and Strategic Project Grants (SPG) programs.

"We are extremely proud of the UBC researchers who have been awarded grants in these highly competitive programs," UBC president Stephen Toope said in a press release. "These projects involve complex and rigorous inquiries, close collaboration with industry and other partners, with a sharp focus on concrete solutions for real-world issues. We are grateful to the government of Canada for supporting these vital endeavours."

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Langara College fine arts students work on Little Shadow. CONTRIBUTED

Langara. Little Shadow pays tribute to umbrellas

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The third instalment of public art created by Langara College students is on display at the Langara-49th Avenue Canada Line station in Vancouver.

Called Little Shadow, the piece is designed to pay tribute to the umbrella, a tool with which Vancouverites are quite familiar. Intended to look like a large umbrella, the piece uses layered shingles from rooftops to convey the idea of shelter.

Little Shadow is made of welded stainless steel tubes and plates with four sections of roofing that include asphalt shingles on plywood, corrugated metal roofing, tarpaulin and cedar shakes. The roofing materials are attached to a cedar lath substructure, using staples, screws, zip ties and rope.

"I hope that viewers will have a chance to think deeper about the notions of shelter and boundary, and reflect on the various ways we protect ourselves from our environment, whether consciously or otherwise," Jasmine Baetz, one of the student artists, said in a press release. "This project was a collaborative effort. We had to build all the different parts of the structure and think about how to fit everyone's ideas under — or in this case, into — the same little roof."

Shelter from the rain

"This year the students focused on the very human experience of seeking shelter from the rain. I am consistently surprised and delighted by the work that this class produces."

Julie Longo, Langara's dean of arts

"Each year, Luke Blackstone's public art class produces a collaborative piece that represents the best of what we do in the creative arts at Langara," said Julie Longo, Langara's dean of arts. "This year the students focused on the very human experience of seeking shelter from the rain. I am consistently surprised and delighted by the work that this class produces. The results are as much a product of their individual personalities as it is their attempt to fashion together something meaningful and engaging."

The piece was conceived and constructed by students in the public art studio practice class in Langara's fine arts program. The students are Baetz, Julian Davis William De Jeu, Andreas Perez and Alexander Zizka.

Little Shadow will be on display until June, when the fourth public art piece, Going, Going ... Green, by fine arts student Jennifer Paulsen, is scheduled to go up.

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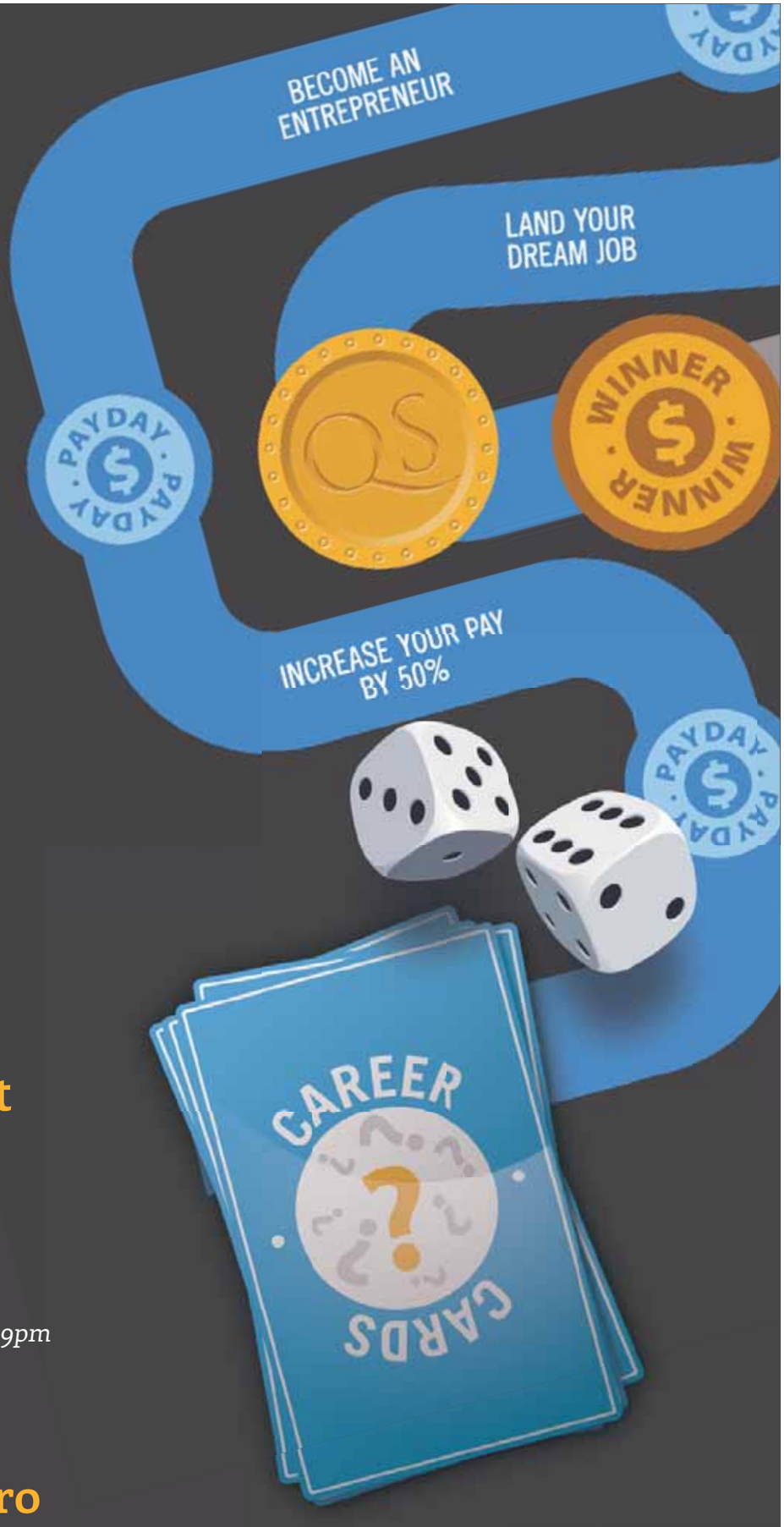

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New British Columbia Institute of Technology president Kathy Kinloch.
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New BCIT president takes helm

DANIEL HENDRIKSEN
For Metro

A new president has assumed her duties at the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT). Kathy Kinloch took over the role at the post-secondary institution Jan. 6.

Kinloch is BCIT's first female president and has a plethora of experience in the field of education, including a three-year stint as dean of health sciences at BCIT from 2007-10. Before making the move back to BCIT, Kinloch was president of Vancouver Community College for almost four years.

She previously has held such roles as senior adviser at the B.C. Ministry of Health, and chief operating officer at the Fraser Health Authority.

While in the position of dean of health sciences, Kinloch played a vital role in leading a turnaround to re-engage and increase BCIT's relevance in addressing health-sector needs.

"On behalf of the BCIT board of governors, I would like to formally welcome Kathy back to the BCIT team," Taj Mitha, chair of the BCIT board of governors, said in a press release. "Kathy's credentials are impeccable and the board of governors is confident that she is the right individual to lead the institute at this critical time. We are certain that under Ms. Kinloch's guidance, BCIT will continue to effectively support the economic and workforce objectives of B.C.'s jobs plan."

Prosperity

"It is a privilege to join an institute that is so integral to the prosperity of British Columbia."
Kathy Kinloch, British Columbia Institute of Technology president

Kinloch has obtained a bachelor of science (nursing) from the University of Alberta, a master's degree in leadership, and a graduate certificate in executive coaching, both from Royal Roads University. She has also served as a board member at Coast Mental Health, the Immigrant Employment Council of B.C., and the Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation.

"It is a privilege to join an institute that is so integral to the prosperity of British Columbia," Kinloch said. "I am excited to have the opportunity to lead BCIT as it builds on its strong legacy of commitment to career success for all its students."

VFS introduces new programming program

Vancouver Film School (VFS) will soon be offering a new program. Starting in March, the institution will add programming for games, web and mobile to its list of courses and programs.

The one-year program is designed to teach individuals how to create and bend programs, and to develop software that is innovative and entertaining. When completed, graduates will be able to apply their skills in a variety of different industries.

"Industry leaders have been asking us to teach programming for years because they need VFS-trained programmers and they need them now," Dave Warfield, head of programming for games, web and mobile, said in a press release.

The curriculum begins by teaching students skills they need to build a foundation in the field, such as in math, design, production and programming. The program then moves into front-end interface and mobile development for iOS and Android.

Courses become more complex as the program progresses with interface development and programming and as students choose a major project in game, web or mobile technology. The program finishes with advanced classes on shaders, network programming, social integration and cloud-based applications.

"Programming unlocks industry doors," said senior instructor Peter Walsh.

"Graduates have the skills to work on an unprecedented number of development teams, whether it's using Ruby on Rails, JavaScript and C++, or app development for iOS and Android."

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KEEPING CULTURE ALIVE AT NATIVE EDUCATION COLLEGE

Keeping culture alive in Aboriginal children is a key factor in strengthening their self-awareness, pride, and self-esteem, according to Native Education College.

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The Aboriginal early childhood education (ECE) program at Native Education College gives early childhood educators the skills to teach children within a cultural context.

"Aboriginal early childhood education is crucial for the emotional, mental, physical and spiritual development of children," says Nadina Dodd, spokesperson for Native Education College.

"At a young age children need to develop skills that can be built upon over time, so it is really important that we are educating people to work with children in this regard."

ECE students explore the dynamic field of child development, learn about the role of the professional early childhood educator, create early education curricula, and foster stimulating learning environments that are sensitive to the developmental needs and interests of the young children.

As the fastest growing population in Canada, this program will help spark an interest in their heritage and culture at a young age, and they can decide whether they wish to further integrate that culture and tradition at later stages in their lives.

This program is offered full time (September) or part time in the evening (February). For more information, visit necvancouver.org/programs/aboriginal-early-childhood-education.

From left, Kirsten Johnson, Simon Fraser University creative services web designer, and two SFU education professors, Diane Dagenais and Kelleen Toohey, demonstrate how ScribJab, a new multilingual learning website and app, works. CONTRIBUTED

SFU app engages children

DANIEL HENDRIKSEN
For Metro

A pair of Simon Fraser University (SFU) education researchers has created an impressive application designed to engage children in multilingual learning.

The app helps children publish online books in various languages including Arabic, Punjabi, Japanese, Chinese, German, Korean and Vietnamese.

Entitled ScribJab, the app was created by Kelleen Toohey and Diane Dagenais with the help of technical developers at SFU creative services. With the supervision of parents and teachers, kids can create and share stories in almost any language.

"In 2010, a group of Grade 4 and 5 children at a Surrey school wrote the first books on ScribJab," Toohey said in a press release. "Their teacher had them write books of stories about their grandparents' childhood that could be read to younger children by their grandparents. The child authors based their stories on conversations with their own grandparents."

When using ScribJab, kids are required to create a story in English or French and then encouraged to translate it into another language using the app's online resources. To date, 30 books of stories have been published using the program.

"We believe that children learn second languages faster and better if they have a strong foundation in their first language," Toohey said. "We also believe that valuing languages other than English or French is important for the development of children who grow up in multilingual homes, whether they know their heritage languages or not."

"ScribJab promotes multilingualism by building recognition that many school kids and their relatives are now multilingual, and that multilingualism is a resource that should be praised and fostered," said Dagenais, a former elementary school teacher.

"This multilingual language learning program also helps young Aboriginal students and minority-language speaking children reconnect with their often lost ancestral languages. Research shows that such reconnection inspires higher educational achievements and self-esteem among these students."

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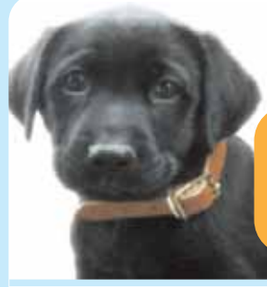
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The Oilers' Anton Belov and the Canucks' Chris Higgins trade jabs at Rogers Arena Monday night. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Schroeder's spark fails to ignite Nucks

NHL. Perron does returning forward one better with hat trick to help Oilers earn W

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Jordan Schroeder, who has battled foot and ankle injuries for the vast majority of this season, was due.

In his first National Hockey League game since Oct. 19 because of an ankle injury that required surgery, Schroeder scored a pair of goals courtesy lucky bounces off Edmonton Oilers defenceman Corey Potter. But one individual's good fortune was not enough as the Vancouver Canucks lost by a final score of 4-2 at Rogers Arena.

On Monday

Oilers	Canucks
4	2

Jesse Joensuu scored the winner for Edmonton early in the third period. David Perron scored a hat trick for the Oilers.

The Canucks came into the game needing a win and an L.A. Kings loss to jump into third in the Pacific Division. But instead, Vancouver, with the loss and L.A.'s 1-0 win over San Jose, fell three points back of the Kings.

It hasn't been an easy few months for Schroeder, the Canucks' first-round pick from the 2009 NHL Draft. He underwent shoulder surgery in the spring, and then fractured his foot blocking a shot in the preseason.

He injured the same foot after just three regular-season games, forcing him to leave the team while on a road trip through the Eastern Conference.

The Canucks close out this home stand Wednesday against the Chicago Blackhawks.

MLS

Whitecaps keen on newly acquired Beitashour

The Vancouver Whitecaps, in desperate need of a right back, landed a coveted player with Major League Soccer all-star credentials.

The club announced on Monday the acquisition of defender Steven Beitashour from the San Jose Earthquakes in exchange for allocation money.

Carl Robinson, following his first on-field training session as the Whitecaps' new head coach, gushed over the signing of the 26-year-old Beitashour, who spent his first four years in the league with San Jose.

"Arguably, he's the best right back in the league in my opinion," Robinson told reporters at UBC.

Steven Beitashour
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"The way I'm going to play, my fullbacks are going to attack, they're going to get forward and get balls in the box. So he fits that profile that I want perfectly and … he's got MLS experience, he's a grounded kid, as well. I think it's important we have character guys in this locker-room and this team and he certainly is one of them."

The acquisition helps fill the void at right back following Y.P. Lee's retirement at the end of last season.

Beitashour was expected to arrive in Vancouver on Monday evening.

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Whistler's Big Air Mar hopes to soar in Sochi

Marielle Thompson is a medal favourite in ski cross in Sochi.
KERSTIN JOENSSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's as if Marielle Thompson was destined for Olympic ski cross.

Growing up in Whistler, the world-famous jewel of a resort town about two hours northeast of Vancouver and nestled in amongst the majestic beauty of British Columbia's snow-capped mountains, Thompson says she wasn't even two years old when she was first introduced to whooshing through the snow on skis.

It helped that her parents were also part-time ski instructors for Whistler Blackcomb.

"They were able to teach me when I was barely able to walk," Thompson said.

On Monday, at the age of 21, Thompson was one of six athletes — three men and three women — named to Canada's Olympic ski cross team, which will compete in the upcoming Sochi Games.

She joins fellow British Columbians Kelsey Serwa of Kelowna and Georgia Simmerling of West Vancouver on the women's team. On the men's team, three provinces are represented, with Dave Duncan of London, Ont., Chris Del Bosco of Montreal and Brady Leman of Calgary being named to the team as well.

Quoted

"I still don't think it's sunk in."

Marielle Thompson on her upcoming trip to Sochi

Thompson will be making her first Olympic appearance. Impressive, considering she only took up ski cross when she was 16 years old, and joined the national team following the Vancouver Olympics.

Known by the nickname "Big Air Mar," Thompson's rise through ski cross has her as a medal favourite in Sochi.

She currently tops the overall women's standings with 480 points, and is coming off a third-place finish in Kreischberg, Austria, on Saturday.

CAM TUCKER/METRO

Seahawks strong safety Kam Chancellor was flagged just four times this season for personal fouls. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

Chancellor shining on playoff stage

Super Bowl. Seattle's strong safety turning heads throughout NFL

Kam Chancellor is imposing. He's a strong safety that looks like he should be playing linebacker and the hardest hitter in the best secondary in the NFL.

What is setting Chancellor apart is his ability to still be intimidating, but do it within the framework of the NFL wanting to protect defenceless offensive players.

It's a tricky line, and one that Chancellor struggled with earlier in his career. But he's found a way to accomplish the task of being an enforcer minus the penalties, both on the field and in the bank account.

"I don't think it's a matter of adjusting. It's just learning how to tackle, the proper technique to tackle," Chancellor said. "Once you learn the proper technique to tackle you can get your feet under you and you can explode through anybody."

His play is being recognized outside of just Seattle. He was Pro Bowl selection and a second-team All-Pro this season. Chancellor was also the first member of Seattle's secondary to be locked up long-term when he signed a four-year extension last April.

"He's been the best player on our defence the whole season I think," teammate Michael Bennett said. "I'm surprised he's not up for defensive player of the year. When he tackles, he's just amazing."

Chancellor's ability to be imposing was evident on two plays in the NFC championship game against San Francisco. In the third quarter, Chancellor levelled tight end Vernon Davis on a short pass that caused an incompletion. The form was perfect, with Chancellor's helmet at the level of Davis's midsection and his shoulder pads planted on his chest.

Fast-forward to the fourth and San Francisco's final drive. Facing a third-and-two, Colin Kaepernick threw a pass for Michael Crabtree on a quick slant. As Crabtree cut for the middle, Chancellor was there waiting. Not surprisingly, Crabtree's arms didn't quite fully extend and he let the pass go incomplete.

"I know if I was coming across the middle about to catch a ball I would be looking for 31," Bennett said.

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Likes Kam a lot

"I think he's one of the best players in the NFL."
Michael Bennett, on Seahawks teammate Kam Chancellor

Notes from New Jersey

- **Temperate title game.** The weather forecast for the first Super Bowl in an outdoor stadium in a cold-weather city is nothing out of the ordinary. The National Weather Service said Monday the forecast calls for a high of 4 C with a low of -3 C. There is little threat of precipitation.
- **Bud bowl.** Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said Monday he supports commissioner Roger Goodell's message that the NFL could consider medicinal marijuana a treatment if science proved it could be beneficial for players who have suffered concussions.
- **Betting on a record.** Fans bet an unprecedented $99 million on the Super Bowl last year, and the Nevada gambling industry expects to break the record again Sunday.
- **Already ready for another?** New York Giants co-owner Jonathan Tisch wants the Super Bowl in the New York-New Jersey area every 10 years.

NBA. Sizzling Durant caps 41-point night with winner

Kevin Durant scored 41 points, including the game-winning jumper with 1.5 seconds left, and the Oklahoma City Thunder rallied from a 14-point halftime deficit to beat the Atlanta Hawks 111-109 Monday night for their eighth straight victory.

Durant scored 13 in the fourth quarter, including a 16-foot, step-back jumper with 25.5 seconds remaining that put Oklahoma City ahead for the first time since the opening two minutes. Durant's 11-game streak of 30 or more points is the longest in the NBA since Tracy McGrady did it in 14 straight games in March and April 2003. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kevin Durant shoots a jumper during his 41-point night in Monday's win over the Hawks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Raptors steal a win in Brooklyn

Patrick Patterson stole Deron Williams' inbounds pass and made the go-ahead jumper with six seconds left, and the Toronto Raptors stopped a five-game winning streak by the Brooklyn Nets for the second time this month with a 104-103 victory Monday night.

Brooklyn had a three-point lead with 17 seconds left behind Paul Pierce in his best game with the Nets, but John Salmons scored on a drive with 12 seconds remaining before Brooklyn took its last timeout to move the ball into the frontcourt.

Patterson stole the pass and fed Kyle Lowry, who got it back to Patterson for his jumper. Pierce was well off on a final attempt.

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Slopestyle

'Boarder's dad looks on bright side

Olympic gold-medal favourite Mark McMorris is in "great spirits," despite a fall that fractured a rib and nearly derailed his dream.

Don McMorris, the snowboarder's father, says Mark is moving around quite well after the incident during Saturday's slopestyle event at the Winter X Games in Aspen, Colo.

"When we left him (Sunday), he could bend over and touch his toes because of where (the injury) is at," Don McMorris told The Canadian Press on Monday. "You know a cracked rib in the front, you couldn't do that, but where it's at (around the back), he could bend to his toes and could raise his knees up to kind of his chest."

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Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
Don't get discouraged if something you attempt does not work out the way you expected it to – it is still good practice and may even take you in a profitable new direction.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You have your sights fixed on certain goals and won't give up until you have reached them. However, cosmic activity in the area of your chart that governs dreams and desires warns you to get your ego out of the way.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Make an effort to see things as they are, unclouded by wishful thinking or negative expectations. The planets indicate you can achieve more now than at just about any other time.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Your confidence is high and you are intensely ambitious, but the planets warn that someone you think of as a friend is jealous of your success and plotting against you. Watch your back.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Although you think you know what is going on you would still be wise to wait a day or two before making any major decisions.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You need to make a serious effort to sort out your problems with partners and loved ones. You may not want to make the first approach but if you do you won't regret it. Show that you are ready to talk things through.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone in a position of authority will look on you kindly today. What have you done to deserve their support? Who knows, but you would be a fool not to make the most of it.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Anything of a creative nature will go well, but it will go even better if you make an effort to involve loved ones in what you are doing. Don't let others feel left out. Let them help you.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The Sun in Aquarius makes you more sociable than usual and that's good because other aspects indicate that someone interesting is coming your way.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It may seem as if you are at the mercy of events and all you can do is go with the flow but is that the right sort of attitude? You're a Capricorn. You're supposed to make things happen. Show you have not lost your leadership potential.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It's not like you to be impulsive but you may well throw caution to the wind today. And why not? Tomorrow's Sun-Uranus link suggests you can do no wrong.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is one of the most important times of the year for you, especially if you are fed-up with who you are and what you are doing and wish to transform your existence. So, who do you want to be and where do you want to be?

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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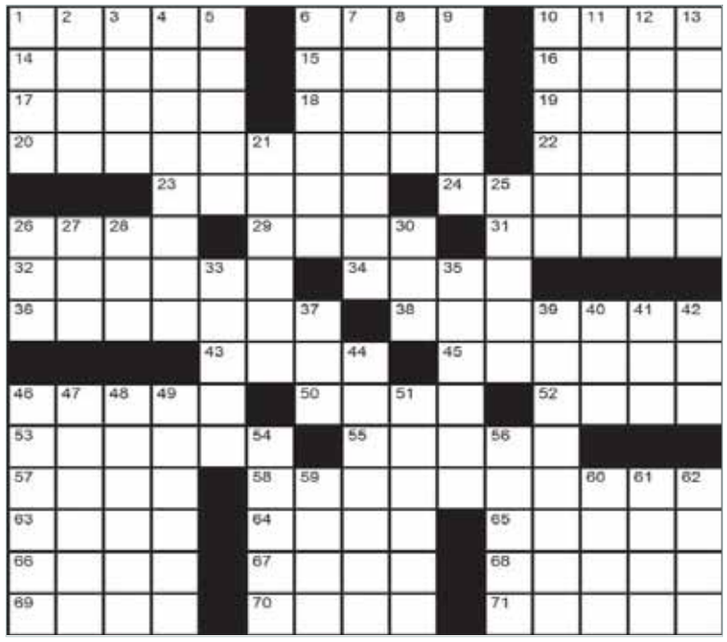
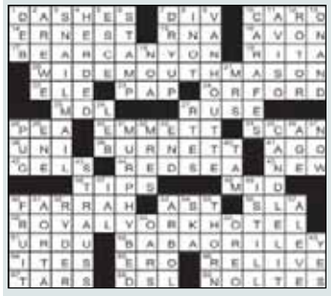


Across
1. Squabbles
6. Canned meat
10. Dismal
14. __-on bag
15. Prefix to 'copter'
16. Ms. Olin
17. Once more
18. Designer Mr. von Furstenberg
19. Cdn. competition in 1972
20. Canadian snowboarding great/Olympian, Ross __
22. Honk
23. Polar Bear snacks
24. Odour-ous
26. Some cars
29. 'M' of Canadian writer L.M. Montgomery
31. Beneath
32. Opera legend Mr. Caruso
34. Has tea elegantly
36. Halifax: Mount Saint __ University
38. One of a cute "Star Trek" alien species
43. Just _ __ on the map
45. Bark (as of trees) in French
46. Thick tablets
50. "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine" character
52. Sure signs?
53. Environment
55. "Giant" (1956) ranch
57. Bodily structure, for short
58. Supported the vocalist: 2 wds.
63. Just in case...
64. __ d'Orsay, in Paris
65. Jargon
66. "General Hospital" role
67. Reverse
68. Small hill
69. Attention __
70. Collar type
71. Female fortune-eteller of ancient times

Down
1. Boo-boo in Al Pacino's 1983 flick
2. Book leaf side
3. 'A' in UAE
4. Mesozoic Era's first period
5. J.M. __ (Irish playwright)
6. 1962 Tommy Roe tune
7. Winged horse
8. Bunches: 2 wds.
9. Cooper cars
10. __-free bread
11. Flipped the house
12. Footwear accessory
13. Self-sacrificer
21. Kingston-born Celtic singer, Mary Jane __
25. Billboard's concern
26. Mr. Bacon, to pals
27. Pasta suffix, often
28. Prince Valiant's son
30. 'Said' in Sherbrooke
33. Discontinue
35. Ready-made, commonly
37. Pull along
39. Michael __ ("Cityline" chef, a Judge on "MasterChef Canada")
40. William to Harry, for short
41. TV kind
42. Mr. cummings of poetry, et al.
44. Twister
46. The __ (Speed metal band Canadian country star Corb Lund was in)
47. Baseball order to bat
48. 1960 film for Canadian actor John Qualen, "North to __"
49. Werewolf series on Space
51. Part
54. From Sea to Sea: 'A Mari __ ad Mare', Canada's motto
56. Converses

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	6		2		7		8	
7								6
		2	4		5	3		
	2		7	1	3		9	
	9						4	
	7		6	9	4		2	
		6	5		8	1		
4								2
	1		9		6		3	

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	2	1	3	7	9	4	6	5
7	6	3	4	1	5	9	2	8
4	9	5	6	8	2	7	1	3
6	3	2	8	9	7	1	5	4
5	8	7	1	4	6	3	9	2
9	1	4	2	5	3	8	7	6
3	4	8	7	2	1	5	8	9
1	5	8	9	6	4	2	3	7
2	7	9	5	3	8	6	4	1

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